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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

**Polk County River Place
2309 Euclid Avenue, Conf. Room 1A
Des Moines, IA 50310**

June 4, 2015

Present: Joel Illian, Chair; Andrew Allen; Rob Bonus; Christy Burkhart; Judge Stephen Clarke; Karyn Finn; Margaret Johnson; Karen Jones; Jeremy Kaiser; Roy Klobnak; Dillon Malone; Bill Ocker; John Quinn; Tony Reed; Carl Smith; Shauna Soderstrum; Jennifer Tibbetts; Julie Walton; Jeralyn Westercamp

Staff: Steve Michael; Scott Musel; Dave Kuker; Kathy Nesteby; Julie Rinker

I. Call to Order

• Changes and Approval of Agenda

Joel Illian called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. A quorum was present. Introductions were made.

Carl Smith moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Margaret Johnson. There was no discussion. The motion was unanimously approved.

II. Minutes

Carl Smith moved to approve the minutes from the April 23rd meeting, seconded by Judge Stephen Clarke. There was no discussion. The motion was unanimously approved.

III. Division Update/National Update

Steve Michael, Division Administrator, reported the following:

- CJJP's status quo budget was approved. Funding to support the Juvenile Justice Reform & Reinvestment Initiative (JJRRI) was not included. CJJP is requesting a no-cost extension.
- Senator Grassley introduced a bill to reauthorize the JJDP Act.
- Joel Illian will present information to Iowa's federal congressional delegation regarding the importance of the Act when attending the Coalition for Juvenile Justice (CJJ) conference in Washington, DC. Scott Musel reviewed the proposed changes to the Act.

- The Juvenile Reentry Planning Task Force is finalizing the implementation plan for submission on June 23. The plan provides support for youth returning home from group care or the State Training School. If awarded, the grant is \$735,000 the first year, \$500,000 the second year.
- CASP plan – meetings have been held with Public Safety, Human Services, and Education. Community meetings are being planned.
- Iowa is the recipient of a \$100,000 National Girls Initiative Innovation Award from the National Girls' Institute (NGI). The competitive award provides technical assistance in developing a plan for delinquent girls. Once developed, the plan would be presented to the General Assembly. Some issues remain unresolved regarding the award.
- Iowa has applied for a federal Performance Partnership Pilot (P3). The pilot allows state agencies to more flexibly use federal funding to help youth aged 16-24.
- There are currently two vacancies in DHR—the Administrator for Community and Advocacy Services and the Coordinator for the Criminal Justice Information System (CJIS) project. Keith Kreiman, CJIS Coordinator, is retiring.

IV. Council Budget Report

Scott Musel reported that a balance of \$12,949.53 remains. Upcoming disbursements in May are travel-related meeting expenses and the annual CJJ conference.

V. Three-Year Plan Priorities and Goals Approval

Musel reviewed minor changes made to the goals and objectives at the April Policy & Programs Subcommittee (PnP) meeting. **A motion to approve was brought forth by that Subcommittee.**

After a brief discussion, there was consensus on the following:

- Item I—Evidence-Based Practices: Goal 3 was amended to include 'ethnicity'.
- Item III—Disproportionate Minority Contact: Obj. 2 was amended "...Data considered should include, but not be limited to, school discipline, arrest, and juvenile justice system processing data;"
- "juvenile justice" will be inserted where applicable.

On behalf of the PnP, John Quinn accepted the document as amended. The motion was unanimously approved.

VI. Formula Grant Funds Budget

Illian reviewed the proposed budget developed by the PnP Subcommittee. Funding for mental health/substance abuse/brain develop was zeroed out this year. \$25,000 was budgeted for the Juvenile Justice Reform & Reinvestment Initiative (JJRRI).

Discussion included that the one-year budget could be revisited next year. Although DMC funding was reduced, \$25,000 from the Annie Casey Foundation will go towards a DMC/detention alternatives training event. In the absence of Wayne Ford (DMC Chair),

Dave Kuker noted that Ford was agreeable to this. The DMC Subcommittee will work with Chief JCO's regarding the training.

Quinn moved to accept the proposed budget. The motion was seconded by Andrew Allen and was unanimously approved.

VII. Iowa Code 279.68 (3rd Grade Retention)

Carl Smith provided an overview of this legislation (effective 2017) and his concern for third grade student retention and the school-prison pipeline. He added that other states with similar legislation have actually lowered third grade standards.

There was consensus to revisit this at the September JJAC meeting. Staff from the Iowa Department of Education and the National Alliance on Mental Illness will be invited.

[The Council recessed for lunch from 11:36 a.m. to 12:21 p.m.]

VIII. Current Activities

A. Priority One: Evidence-Based Practices

Goal 1: Increase the saturation of evidence-based practices in every judicial district in Iowa.

Goal 2: Collaborate with key entities to support evidence-based practices.

Goal 3: Advocate for further research that addresses gender, race and mental health/substance abuse/brain development to increase the research base.

Kathy Nesteby explained how this priority relates to JJRRI and evaluation of services. Another round of scoring is about to begin, a dispositional matrix is being created, and the project is looking to expand to one or more districts in the fall. Through the SPEP (Standard Program Evaluation Protocol) scoring process, we can identify whether there were variations in the effectiveness of the services based on race, ethnicity, and gender.

B. Priority Two: Gender Equity

Goal 1: Strengthen, through collaboration, the continuum of care for females involved in the juvenile justice system.

Jennifer Tibbetts reported on the status of the National Girls Institute grant award. Concerns by NGI are being addressed.

On June 15, Meda Chesney-Lind will present at the judges conference. Separately, a group will meet to discuss best practices. Members were invited to attend.

During discussion, it was reported that information is being compiled regarding girls sent out of state and the loss of services due to the closure of the Iowa Juvenile Home. Some were held in detention while awaiting an out-of-state opening.

C. Priority Three: Disproportionate Minority Contact

Goal 1: Reduce Disproportionate Minority Contact at front end juvenile justice system processes.

Kuker reported on discussions with state agency leaders over the last few months regarding the Community and Strategic Plan (CASP). Local visits with key stakeholders are being planned in communities with higher minority populations. The highest levels of overrepresentation are seen in the delinquency system at arrest as well as the school discipline process. The project has the support of the DHR Board.

A detention-related, DMC-themed event is being planned for next year. Kuker will work with juvenile court officials. This fall, Representatives Miller and Berry are holding a DMC event to address broad-spectrum overrepresentation—juvenile justice, housing, poverty, etc. He hopes to generate ideas and further recommendations from this event. A meeting with Representatives Miller and Berry was held during the legislative session. They are interested in having a session on juvenile delinquency.

D. Priority Four: Mental Health, Substance Abuse and Brain Development

Goal 1: Ensure that the Priority Areas of the Juvenile Justice Advisory Council recognize and address the role of mental health, substance abuse, and brain development within the juvenile justice system.

Smith did not want the Council to lose focus on this priority. He noted the relationship of co-occurring disorders.

A discussion included:

- How the state has moved to managed care for mental health services,
- Medicaid eligibility issues,
- availability of services, and
- integrated health homes.

Illian asked if there were any action steps over the next three months. Tibbetts suggested that subcommittees address mental health and include it in the goals.

E. Priority Five: Compliance Monitoring and Research

Goal 1: Maintain Iowa's compliance with the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act's core requirements of Deinstitutionalization of Status Offenders, sight & sound separation and jail removal.

Goal 2: To provide research on juvenile justice issues to support priority areas of three-year plan and juvenile justice grants received by the Division of Criminal and Juvenile Justice Planning.

Michael reported that Iowa's three-year plan will be submitted by the June 16th due date. The budget and goals/objectives are part of the plan; Musel is working on the compliance monitoring report.

IX. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

X. New Business

Illian asked members for their thoughts regarding the current meeting format. There were no objections to the new structure.

XI. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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